



Minutes of the Holmes Chapel Partnership Committee Meeting Monday, 17th June 2024

7.00pm - Massey Room, St. Luke's Church Hall

Present: Hazel Sutcliffe, Richard Garton, Gail Griggs, Rab Parry, Mandie Maddock, Diane Tams, Martin Elliot, Jill Booth, Sarah Archibald, and Karoline Peach (via Zoom).

Apologies: Peter Whiers, Russell Chadwick

MAY MINUTES - HAZEL / ALL

- Mural at Holmes Chapel Train Station update - Hazel has spoken to Eamon Murphy, the artist recommended by the Train Station charity. Meeting set up for July 13th to discuss options.

HC PRIDE EVENT - DIANE / MANDIE

- Event idea suggested by Rich Jepson from Bottle Bank for Saturday 14th September, 2-7pm.
- Idea to close London Road with entertainment including a local band and Dane Sound along lines of HCPC Summer Celebration event.
- Hope to be funded by corporate sponsorship and local GoFundMe. Would like to use HCP accounts and insurance as not suitable to go under Bottle Bank as a commercial enterprise.
- If London Road closure isn't possible could be held at HCCC.
- HCPC have said not suitable for them to be involved in and suggested HCP involvement.
- Discussions held over whether the timing is possible as already mid June and summer holidays will impact availability to get things organised. Also coming into busy time for HCP due to Xmas market planning. HCP resources are scarce but Mandie and Diane have offered to represent HCP for event.
- Need to check whether road closure is possible, in budget and whether there is still time to apply for an Event Licence. Also need to speak with Red Lion and St Lukes church to make sure they are on board.
- Sandbach Pride have offered assistance so need to speak to them for advice on how to run event.

HARRYS HOLMES CHAPEL TOUR (HHVT) - GAIL, KAROLINE, MANDIE, JILL

- Gail - Tickets: Over 150 tickets sold so far. Saturdays in June/July are busiest dates.
- Karoline - PR: Requests and articles have died down although NBC are visiting this week to film a live broadcast for the Today Show, also Metro. 125 print and online pieces, plus radio interviews.
- Jill - Tours: Going well. Last weekend the weather was wet which made mud slopes very slippery. One guest refused to go down slope to the bridge. Need to remind CE of urgency of improvements to route. Hearts working well. Lots of rubbish being collected.
- Mandie - Merch: Has seen an increase in visitors to HC in general. Hearts being sold to public. Merch sales have been slow so far but quite a few local sales recently, including online sales to Northwich.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - HAZEL

- Rescheduled 23rd May date to June 6th due to amber weather warnings. Better weather and good turn out. Would be good to see improvements to the walking routes each year. Still many overgrown hedges and lack of safe crossings. HCPC continue to lobby CE for improvements.
- Need to organise a route from Bluebell Green due to requests. Need a volunteer to lead this.
- SpeedWatch: Team met with PCSO Pam to sign forms but Pam still waiting on data training before SpeedWatch can restart. The approved locations will be Macclesfield Road by the entrance to the Anwyll estate and Chester Road by the entrance to Grasmere Drive.

VILLAGE FAIR - HAZEL

- HCP stall booked for event on Sunday 7th July. Hazel suggested picture quiz which works well as conversation starter.
- Will ask if any Tour Guides would be able to come along to talk about the Tours. Could we borrow the Harry cut out from the Train Station?

FINANCE - RICHARD

- Have received income from WTM for first 77 Tour ticket sales. Costs for equipment, hearts etc have been paid.
- Tour Guides will be paid monthly - first one to be paid early July.
- Peter is applying for the CE Tourism Grant.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - DIANE / MARTIN

- Working with Bloor to change wording for S106 money so can be used for improvements to A50/A54 junction instead of a roundabout.

- New SID has been installed on Middlewich road by petrol station. New provider to test if system is better to eventually replace other SIDs.
- Summer Celebration planning going well for Friday 5th July. Two professional bouncers have been recruited to help with security. Stewards needed to volunteer. Same entertainment as last year with addition of a street magician. HC Partnership is lending its gazebo as protection for the jazz group.
- D-Day anniversary beacon lighting event went well with good response.
- Waste consultation now closed, Bus Service consultation still open and HCPC has responded.
- Village Infrastructure Team have put pedestrian lighting from Manor Lane on hold as all current solutions have been rejected.

AOB - ALL

- Dane Meadow: Pond has dried up again. U3A have labelled trees planted in Dane Meadow and will be doing a tidy up of the area. In the June Work Session the Friends pulled up yet more of the invasive Himalayan Balsam and cleared vegetation from paths.
- July newsletter will be sent on 29th June (due to holidays at the Print Room).

Date for next meeting is the AGM on 15th July, 7pm in the Massey Room at St Lukes Church Hall

Common acronyms:

CE = Cheshire East County Council

HCP = Holmes Chapel Partnership

HCCC = Holmes Chapel Community Centre

HCCS = Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School

HCHC = Holmes Chapel Health Centre

HCLC = Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre

HCPC = Holmes Chapel Parish Council